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Dear Ms. Sheppard:

RE: Bob Etheridge for Congress Committee ID#C00311555

This letter is prompted by the Commission's review of the Committees reports in the letters dated February 4, 1997. The following are questions that were raised concerning certain information contained in the report. An itemization follows:

1) **Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/96-9/30/96)**

Issue: "Best Efforts"

- Bob Etheridge for Congress thoroughly complies with the best efforts attempts to obtain the occupation and employer for all individuals who contribute more than \$200 in a calendar year. The Bob Etheridge Committee requests all contributor information initially with each solicitation. A copy of a solicitation is attached. The Bob Etheridge Committee then makes a follow-up request if the information is not included on the response to the original solicitation. A standard follow up copy of the request is attached. Each of our solicitations includes a "clear request" for itemized contributor information. The committee also requests employer, and occupation for contributions in excess of \$200 not received as a result of a specific solicitation. All of our requests are written requests. Documentation of all written request are maintained in our files. Our written requests include a self addressed envelope for the contributors convenience. Please also note the copies attached of the Amendments that we have filed concerning best efforts.

2) **Reference: 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/96- 10/16/96)**

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